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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable William P. Clark Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
SUBJECT:  Annual Assessment of the Hostile Intelligence Threat to the United States  25X1
1. National Security Decision Directive No. 2 (NSDD-2) requires the Senior Interagency Group-Intelligence (SIG-I), inter alia, to submit to the NSC an overall annual assessment of the relative threat to United States interests from intelligence and security services of foreign powers, including an assessment of the effectiveness of the United States counterintelligence activities. The most recent Assessment was submitted in accordance with this requirement on 18 March 1982.  2. Subsequent to submission of the Assessment in March 1982, the Community Counterintelligence Staff undertook preparation of a study, "Capabilities Against the Hostile Intelligence Threat 1983-1988," in response
to requirements of National Security Study Directive No. 2 (NSSD-2). This NSSD-2 response, which included an updated summary of the threat, was submitted to the President on 15 July 1982.
3. Since submission and approval of the study, "Capabilities Against the Hostile Intelligence Threat 1983-1988," the Community Counterintelligence Staff has been engaged in major efforts toward implementation of the numerous and wide-ranging recommendations contained in the study. These actions have included organizing and staffing new Interagency Groups for Counterintelligence and for Countermeasures under the SIG-I in compliance with SIG-I Directive No. 1. I anticipate that continued success in these efforts and progress toward resolution of the many issues now under review will require the full-time attention of the Community Counterintelligence Staff for
at least the next six to eight months.  25X1

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described above, I request your agreement to defer the NSSD-2 requirement for submission of an annual assessment normally due early in 1983. Instead, we would schedule the next hostile threat assessment to be developed during the

second half of 1983 for submission to the NSC by late 1983. I request vour concurrence in this schedule and the current emphasis of our efforts.

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